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This is a good summary for helping to get up to speed on the King Mill issue.



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**ALLIED PAPER, INC./PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE**

**King Mill Lagoons  
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

**FACT SHEET**

This fact sheet describes the interim response activities performed by Millennium Holdings, Inc. for the Allied Paper King Mill Lagoons. Visible polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)-containing paper-making residuals and soils were removed from two King Mill lagoons and transported to the King Highway Landfill. The King Highway Landfill is now capped.

**Key Facts**

The King Mill Lagoon site (located at 1608 Lake Street) consists of at least two former lagoons:

- Lagoon EW has an area of about 30,000 square feet
- Lagoon NS has an area of about 12,400 square feet

**Excavation Activities**

Seventy-five to eighty percent of Lagoon EW was excavated before the capping of the King Highway Landfill Operable Unit (KHL-OU) on October 7, 1999. Due to the construction schedule at the King Highway Landfill, excavation activities at Lagoon EW stopped before all waste was removed. Activities in late 1999 included:

- 11,314 cubic yards were excavated from Lagoon EW in September and October 1999

**Site Restoration (Lagoon EW):**

- the area was backfilled after excavation stopped
- six inches of topsoil were placed and seeded as a form of erosion control

**Ongoing Activities**

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is currently working with the Potentially Responsible Parties to identify additional response activities necessary for the site. An investigation has not yet

been performed, but it is estimated 50,000 cubic yards of residuals remain on the property.

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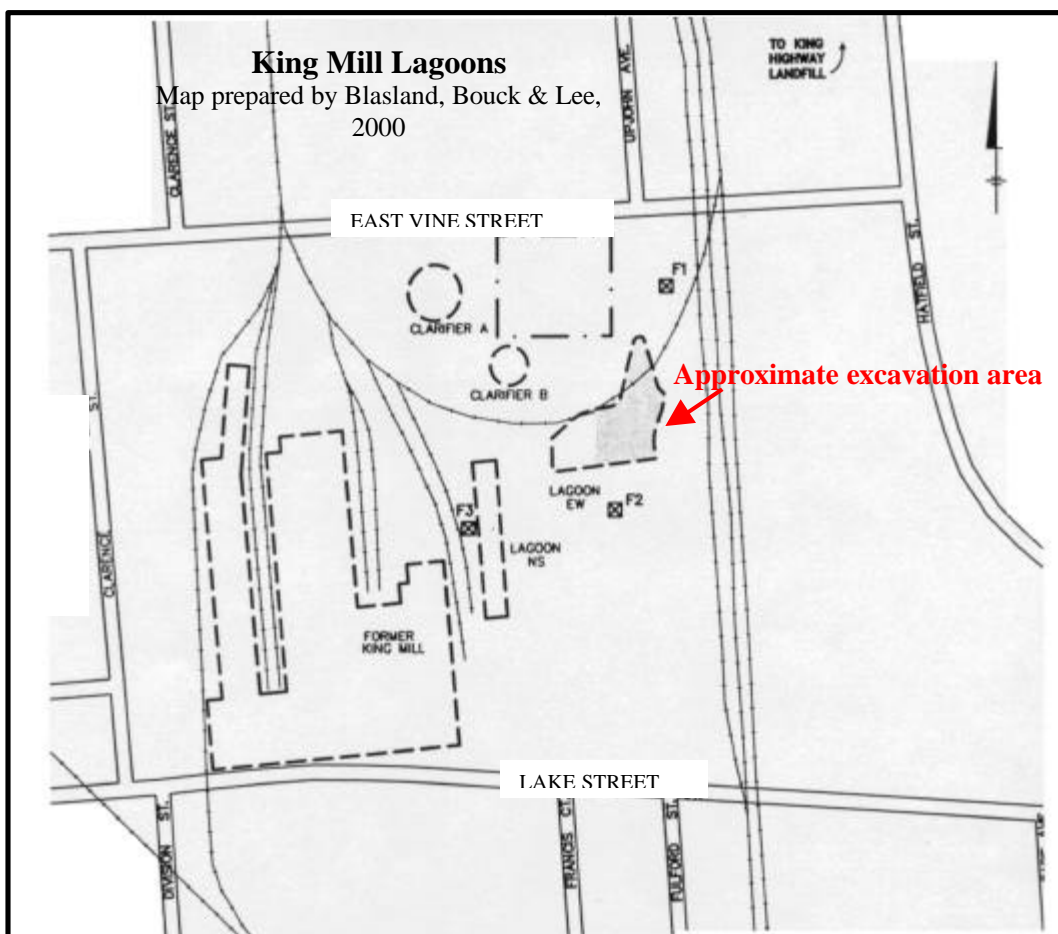


## Superfund Site History/ Background

On August 30, 1990 the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/ Kalamazoo River Superfund site was officially included on the National Priorities List (NPL) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act 1980 PA 96-510.

The site was placed on the NPL list because the soils, sediments, water column and biota in and adjacent to the Kalamazoo River and a three mile stretch of Portage Creek are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a hazardous substance and possible human carcinogen.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has identified three paper companies as Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The PRPs are Allied Paper Inc./Millennium Holdings, Inc., Georgia-Pacific Corporation and Simpson Plainwell Paper Company (currently Plainwell, Inc.). All three paper companies, which collectively refer to themselves as the Kalamazoo River Study Group (KRS), have signed an Administrative Order by Consent with the MDEQ and agreed to fund and conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). For a detailed history of the site, consult documents in the Information Repositories.



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